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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 15, 2004. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time for response, up to and including April 15, 2005, are enclosed. If any further petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.